



MINORITY HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Co-CHAIRS: *Aleatha Dickerson, Julie Rawlings*

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Mary Falvey, RN, Jennifer Chaves, Deborah Correia Morales, Gloria Hincapie, Emma Simmons, MD, Maria Barros, RN, Helena Friedmann, Yvette Mendez, Darrell Thorpe, Vinnie Velazquez, Deborah Perry, Joseph Diaz, MD

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Present: Julie Rawlings, Aleatha Dickerson, Darrell Thorpe

Requested Absence: Gloria Hincapie, Deborah Perry, Jennifer Chaves, Deborah Correia Morales, Mary Falvey

Sabbatical: Yvette Mendez

Unexcused Absent: Vinnie Velazquez, Joseph Diaz, Helena Friedmann, Emma Simmons,

Staff: Rilwan Feyisitan (Chief of Minority Health), Jenn DeBoer (Minority Health Promotion Specialist),

Guest: Reginald Tucker-Seeley (Dana Faber Hospital), Mara Cerezo (Woodlawn CDC)

PROCEEDINGS:

· Meeting called to order at 9:15 A.M. by Co-Chair, Aleatha Dickerson.

· (Last month's) meeting minutes were amended and approved.

* Amendments made to previous minutes:

Sub-committee members have met with Helen Drew to craft policy around legislation to reduce health disparities, future meetings have yet to be scheduled.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH REPORT:

- Title V, Maternal and Child Health, Guest expert, Dr. Peter Simon, provided the group with an overview of the history of Title V.
- Rilwan, Chief of Minority Health, discussed how the MHAC can contribute to the needs of the Title V, five year assessment plan.
- Some of the questions posed to HEALTH on Title V, Maternal and Child Health was:
 - 1) Did we collaborate with healthcare Insurance companies to advance Title V mandates?
 - 2) Could HEALTH provide more data on the socio-economic status of women in RI, in regards to Title V.
Data should include: Measures on Education and Income level and how the two issues pertain and affect Maternal and Child Health.

SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTS: EVENT & MEMBERSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT PROVIDED BY, ALEATHA DICKERSON:

- Members of the sub-committee will meet on Wednesday, 21st to discuss and plan the Advisory Board retreat.

DATA SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT PROVIDED BY CO-CHAIR, ALEATHA DICKERSON:

- Meeting for this sub-committee is yet to be scheduled.
- Discussion for this sub-committee will center around data collection for Tobacco/Obesity/HIV and backup efforts.

LEGISLATIVE/ADVOCACY SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT PROVIDED BY CO-CHAIR, JULIE RAWLINGS:

- Individual member, not speaking on behalf of the advisory has attended and testified for the Ignition Interlock Bill.
- The individual has strongly encouraged the advisory group to testify and attend future public hearings.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND PANDEMIC FLU SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT PROVIDED BY RILWAN FEYISITAN:

- The meeting has been cancelled. New dates have been set for May 21, 2010 @ HEALTH.

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOR ACTION AND RI OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH CROSSWALK REPORT PROVIDED BY CHIEF OF MINORITY HEALTH, RILWAN FEYISITAN:

This agenda item was finalized during the meeting. MHAC members are reminded again to send any last feed back on the crosswalk to Rilwan. Members are asked to fully review the crosswalk, provide feedback on what is currently planned, make connections to areas of the plan that need support, and finally prioritize areas 1-5 for this year. Please refer any questions to Rilwan Feyisitan @ Rilwan.Feyisitan@health.ri.gov

OTHER BUSINESS:

RI CLAS Action Project Plan will meet on April 19th at 3-4:30 PM

Members of the Advisory committee are strongly recommended to provide input and suggestion on this project.

· Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

· Minutes submitted by Minority Health Promotion Specialist, Jenn DeBoer.